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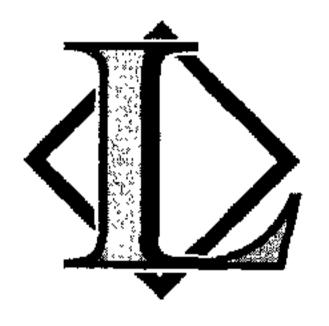
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Independent Auditors' Report

HONORABLE ROY D. LEE CITY MARSHAL OF BASTROP Bastrop, Louisiana

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the City Marshal of Bastrop as of December 31, 2002, and for each of the years in the two year period then ended, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the City Marshal of Bastrop's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the City Marshal of Bastrop as of December 31, 2002, and the results of its operations for each of the years in the two year period then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

HONORABLE ROY D. LEE CITY MARSHAL OF BASTROP Bastrop, Louisiana Independent Auditors' Report, December 31, 2002

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In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued a report dated April 9, 2003, on the City Marshal of Bastrop's compliance with laws, regulations, and contracts, and our consideration of the agency's internal control over financial reporting. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Monroe, Louisiana

April 9, 2003

GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (OVERVIEW)

Statement A

CITY MARSHAL OF BASTROP Bastrop, Louisiana ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS

Balance Sheet, December 31, 2002

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE - GENERAL FUND	ACCOUNT GROUP - GENERAL FIXED ASSETS	TOTAL (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
ASSETS			
Cash & cash equivalents	\$53,684		\$53,684
Receivables - city court costs	1,991		1,991
Office furnishings and equipment		\$28,221	28,221
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$55,675</u>	\$28,221	<u>\$83,896</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY Lightitican			
Liabilities:	ቀ ደደን		<u> </u>
Accounts payable	\$552 205		\$552
Payroll withholdings payable Total liabilities	395	NIONIE	395
	947	NONE	947
Fund Equity: Investment in general fixed assets Fund balance -		\$28,221	28,221
unreserved - undesignated	54,728		54,728
Total Fund Equity	54,728	28,221	82,949
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$55,675</u>	<u>\$28,221</u>	<u>\$83,896</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Statement B

CITY MARSHAL OF BASTROP Bastrop, Louisiana GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE - GENERAL FUND

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget (GAAP Basis) and Actual For the Year Ended December 31, 2002

			VARIANCE FAVORABLE
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	(UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUES			
Fees, charges, and commissions for services	\$62,200	\$63,132	\$932
Interest earnings	800	833	33_
Total revenues	63,000	63,965	965
EXPENDITURES			
Public safety:			
Current:			
Personal services	29,800	29,383	417
Operating services	24,300	24,542	(242)
Materials and supplies	3,000	3,686	(686)
Capital outlay	<u>3,000</u>	3,049	(49)
Total expenditures	60,100	60,660	(560)
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER			
EXPENDITURES	2,900	3,305	405
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	61,465	51,423	(10,042)
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$64,365</u>	\$54,728	(\$9,637)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Statement C

CITY MARSHAL OF BASTROP Bastrop, Louisiana GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE - GENERAL FUND

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget (GAAP Basis) and Actual For the Year Ended December 31, 2001

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUES			
Fees, charges, and commissions for services	\$63,000	\$61,687	(\$1,313)
Interest earnings	2,000	1,856	(144)
Total revenues	65,000	63,543	(1,457)
EXPENDITURES			
Public safety:			
Current:			
Personal services	28,527	29,588	(1,061)
Operating services	28,950	26,100	2,850
Materials and supplies	6,000	5,393	607
Capital outlay	450_	431_	
Total expenditures	63,927	61,512	2,415
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER			
EXPENDITURES	1,073	2,031	958
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	49,392	49,392	. <u></u>
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$50,465</u>	<u>\$51,423</u>	\$958

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

CITY MARSHAL OF BASTROP Bastrop, Louisiana

Notes to the Financial Statements As of and for the Two Years Ended December 31, 2002

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

As provided for by Chapter 7 of Title 13 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, the City Marshal of Bastrop is the executive officer of the city court. The marshal shall execute the orders and mandates of the court and in the execution thereof, and in making arrests and preserving the peace, has the same powers and authority of a sheriff. The city marshal is elected for a six year term.

A. REPORTING ENTITY

As the governing authority of the city, for reporting purposes, the City of Bastrop is the financial reporting entity for the city. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (city), (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14 established criteria determining which component units should be considered part of the City of Bastrop for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial responsibility. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes:

- 1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and:
 - a. The ability of the city to impose its will on that organization and/or
 - b. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the city.

Bastrop, Louisiana Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

- 2. Organizations for which the city does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the city.
- 3. Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

Because the city maintains and operates the city hall in which the city marshal's office is located, and provides other financial support to the city marshal, the city marshal was determined to be a component unit of the City of Bastrop, the financial reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the marshal and do not present information on the city, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

B. FUND ACCOUNTING

The city marshal uses funds and account groups to report on financial position and results of operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts that comprises its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures. An account group, on the other hand, is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities (general fixed assets and general long-term obligations) that are not recorded in the "funds" because they do not directly affect net expendable available financial resources. They are concerned only with the measurement of financial position, not with the measurement of results of operations.

Funds are classified into three categories; governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary. Each category, in turn, is divided into separate "fund types". Governmental funds are used to account for a government's general activities, where the focus of attention is on the providing of services to the public as opposed to proprietary funds where the focus of attention is on recovering the cost of providing services to the public or other agencies through service charges or user fees. Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held for others. The marshal's current operations require the use of governmental (General Fund) and fiduciary fund types (Agency Fund). The general fund is used to account for

Bastrop, Louisiana Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

the operations of the marshal's office. The agency fund is used as a depository for garnishments and related fees. Disbursements from the fund are made to the city marshal, litigants, et cetera, in the manner prescribed by law. The agency fund is custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and does not involve measurement of results of operations.

C. GENERAL FIXED ASSETS AND LONG-TERM DEBT

Fixed assets used in governmental fund type operations (general fixed assets) are accounted for in the general fixed assets account group, rather than in the General Fund. General fixed assets provided by the City of Bastrop are not recorded in the general fixed assets account group. Approximately 28 per cent of fixed assets are valued at estimated historical costs based on the actual costs of like items while the remaining 72 per cent are based on actual historical costs. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets. The city marshal has no long-term debt at December 31, 2002.

D. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements for these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is used for reporting all governmental and fiduciary fund types. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The city marshal uses the following practices in recognizing and reporting revenues and expenditures:

Revenues

Marshal's fees and other court costs are recorded in the year in which they are earned.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

Substantially all other revenues are recognized when received by the marshal.

Based on the above criteria, marshal's fees and other court costs are treated as susceptible to accrual.

Expenditures

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred.

E. BUDGET PRACTICES

The proposed budget for the General Fund, prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting, is made available for public inspection at least fifteen days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year. The budget is then legally adopted by the assessor and amended during the year, as necessary. The budget is established and controlled by the assessor at the object level of expenditure. Appropriations lapse at year-end and must be reappropriated for the following year to be expended. All changes in the budget must be approved by the city marshal.

Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year. Budgeted amounts included in the accompanying financial statement include the original adopted budget amounts and all subsequent amendments.

F. CASH

Under state law, the city marshal may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the union, or the laws of the United States. The city marshal may invest in certificates and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. At December 31, 2002, the city marshal has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$53,684, follows:

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

Demand deposits	\$14,605
Time deposits	39,079
Total	<u>\$53,684</u>

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits, or the resulting bank balances, must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. Deposit balances (bank balances) at December 31, 2002, total \$65,789 and are fully secured by federal deposit insurance.

G. RISK MANAGEMENT

The marshal is exposed to various risk of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets and errors and omissions. To handle such risk of loss, the City of Bastrop maintains commercial insurance policies covering the marshal's general liability, automobile and surety bond coverage. No claims were paid on any of the policies during the past three years which exceeded the policies' coverage amounts. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage during the year ended December 31, 2002.

H. TOTAL COLUMN ON THE BALANCE SHEET

The total column on the balance sheet is captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that it is presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in this column does not present financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

2. CHANGES IN AGENCY FUND DEPOSITS DUE OTHERS

A summary of changes in agency fund deposits due others for the two years ended December 31, 2002, is as follows:

Bastrop, Louisiana

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

Balance at January 1, 2001	NONE
Additions:	
2001	\$229,687
2002	232,953
Reductions:	
2001	(229,687)
2002	(232,953)
Balance at December 31, 2002	NONE

3. CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

The following schedule presents changes in office furnishings and equipment for the two years ended December 31, 2002:

Balance at January 1, 2001	\$25,541
Additions:	
2001	431
2002	3,049
Reductions:	
2001	NONE
2002	(800)
Balance at December 31, 2002	<u>\$28,221</u>

4. PENSION SYSTEM

For the year ended December 31, 2002, the marshal participated in the social security system. The marshal contributes 7.65% of his total salary to social security (FICA and Medicare) which is matched by employer contributions. Employer contributions for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2002 were \$1,316 and \$1,348, respectively. The marshal's total salary paid for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2002 was \$17,219 and \$17,618, respectively.

5. LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

At December 31, 2002, the city marshal is not involved in any litigation, nor is he aware of any unasserted claims.

CITY MARSHAL OF BASTROP

Bastrop, Louisiana

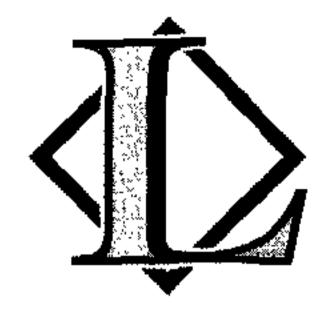
Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

6. EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY MARSHAL PAID BY THE CITY OF BASTROP

The accompanying financial statements do not include certain expenditures of the city marshal paid out of the funds of the City of Bastrop.

Independent Auditors' Report Required by Government Auditing Standards

The following independent Auditors' report on compliance with laws and regulations and internal control are presented in compliance with the requirements of *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, issued by the Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.



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Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance and Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

HONORABLE ROY D. LEE CITY MARSHALL OF BASTROP Bastrop, Louisiana

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the City Marshal of Bastrop as of and for the two years ended December 31, 2002 and have issued our report thereon dated April 9, 2003. We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City Marshal of Bastrop's general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed one instance of noncompliance that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. That finding is presented in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 02-1.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the City Marshal of Bastrop's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

HONORABLE ROY D. LEE CITY MARSHAL OF BASTROP

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Bastrop, Louisiana

Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance

And Internal Control Over Financial Reporting, etc.

December 31, 2002

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the City Marshal of Bastrop, management of the marshal's office, and Legislative Auditor, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Monroe, Louisiana

April 9, 2003

CITY MARSHAL OF BASTROP Bastrop, Louisiana

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs For the Two Years Ended December 31, 2002

A. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

- 1. The Auditors' report expresses an unqualified opinion on the general purpose financial statements of City Marshal of Bastrop.
- 2. One instance of noncompliance material to the financial statements of City Marshal of Bastrop was disclosed during the audit.
- 3. No reportable conditions relating to the audit of the financial statements are reported in the Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control.

B. FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT

02-1. Need to Comply with Louisiana Local Government Budget Act

Finding: Budgets were not adopted for the general fund for the year ended 12/31/01 of the two years ended 12/31/02 on a timely basis. Louisiana Revised Statute (LRS) 39:1302 requires each political subdivision to prepare a budget. LRS 39:1302, as amended, now includes city court, and thereby city marshal, in the definition of a political subdivision. The city marshal was not aware of the amendment to the definition of a political subdivision until the audit for the two years ended 12/31/00. Consequently, no budget was prepared and adopted for the city marshal's general fund on a timely basis for the year ended 12/31/01.

Recommendation: In the future, the marshal should adopt a budget as required by the statutes.

Managements Response: The marshal stated that in the future a budget would be adopted as required by the statutes.

CITY MARSHAL OF BASTROP Bastrop, Louisiana

Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings For the Two Years Ended December 31, 2002

00-1 Need to Comply with Louisiana Local Government Budget Act

Finding: Budgets were not adopted for the general fund for either of the two years ended 12/31/00. Louisiana Revised Statute (LRS) 39:1304 requires each political subdivision to prepare a budget. LRS 39:1302, as amended, now includes city court, and thereby city marshal, in the definition of a political subdivision. The city marshal was not aware of the amendment to the definition of a political subdivision. Consequently, no budget was adopted for the city marshal's general fund.

Recommendation: In the future, the marshal should adopt a budget as required by the statutes.

Current Status: This finding has been corrected in 2002.



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To Whom It May Concern:

The Bastrop City Marshal responds as follows.

Finding; Need to comply with Louisiana Local Government Budget Act.

The Bastrop City Marshal was unaware of changes to the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act. In the future we will adhere to the budget act.

Thank you and with kindest regards, I am

Respectfully your

Roy Lee, Marshal